

CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting of July 11, 2006
Montgomery Field Airport Lobby**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council), Gerald Blank (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cindy Ford (Montgomery Tower).

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Tussey, Terry Price, Kristin Camper-Wozniak, Jim Barwick, Clayton Welch, Christian Anderson.

GUESTS: Gary Mullen, J.H. Aldrich, David Friedman, Reg Finch, Jim Panknin, Bob Golo, Ivor Shier, Bob Turner.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 13, 2006 regular meeting were approved with a correction to the time of the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Aldrich questioned the propriety of AAC members who represent interests in Otay Mesa participating in planning discussions regarding the southwest corner of Montgomery Field. He went on to say that the need at Montgomery is for smaller hangars and tie downs, not for hangars to accommodate large aircraft.

Jim Panknin introduced himself as a representative of Taxpayers for Responsible Planning (T4RP.com). Jim was the Miramar representative on the Airport Authority's advisory group and now serves as the chair for the Airport Authority Advisory Committee. He flies Kingairs out of Lindbergh for a FAA Part 135 operation. His organization believes a "no" vote on the joint use of Miramar is the only appropriate option in November.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Mike Tussey introduced Jim Barwick, the recently appointed Director of Real Estate Assets Department.

Mr. Tussey also introduced Clay Welsh from the City Attorney's office who has been assisting the Division on Brown Field issues.

5. OLD BUSINESS

RFP Sub-Committee Report

Ultralights and Skydiving Activities

Rick Beach assumed the Chair as Buzz Fink recused himself from the discussion on the ultralight issue at Nichols Field. It was moved and seconded that the following **motion** be adopted: "To have the Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee send a letter to the Mayor reflecting the Committee's support of the continuation of the aeronautical activities of skydiving and ultralight aircraft at Nichols Field because we believe these activities are not compatible with other aviation uses at Brown or Montgomery Fields." All voted in favor.

Marigold and Flattop

Moved to New Business.

Brown Field

Rick Beach reported that the Otay Mesa Community Plan update has been in progress for some time and is being funded by The Otay Mesa Coalition, a consortium of business leaders. The coalition envisions Brown Field as a "community airport" in the style of Hillsborough, Oregon. The community airport concept, should it be adopted, may be substantially different than the current configuration of Brown Field.

There was some discussion on the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. It was decided to invite Tait Galloway, the City's Airport Planner, to brief the Committee at the next meeting.

6. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT

Mike Tussey reported that he recently conducted a tour of Brown Field for the Mayor, Deputy Chief Jim Waring, and Real Estate Assets Director Jim Barwick.

From Last Meeting

Montgomery Field

The Precision Obstacle Free Zone markings have been painted to protect the Precision Obstacle Free Zone (POFZ) so as to retain the approach minimums did not have to be changed. However, a 300 foot crane operating to the northwest of the airport has caused the circling and straight-in LOC minimums at Palos to be increased to 1120 MSL. The crane is involved in the construction of a multistory office building that was initially proposed to be 180 feet high. Following an obstruction analysis, FAA has recommended that the maximum height be 160 feet.

Buzz Gibbs reported that the Kearny Mesa Planning Group will review the project for substantial conformance at its August meeting. The building is the first of three being planned for the area. The other two will be even taller, one at 14 and one at 16 floors. The Airports Division did not receive notification of the obstruction review by FAA until it was requested.

The MYF glide slope is awaiting a flight check and will be out of service until August 8 or 9.

Enterprise Fund Balance

The Auditor reports a balance of \$3.6 million. \$2.7 million is committed to capital improvements. There was discussion of phasing of the Brown Field Electrical project.

Mr. Tussey produced newly modified envelopes for collecting overnight parking fees that conformed to the Committees suggestions.

Concrete will be poured for Westport on Monday. Completion is expected the third week of July with SDPD move-in by August 1, 2006.

Environmental issues are still pending for Northport.

The vernal pool restoration project will be re-bid due to a change in scoping. An RFP will be forthcoming within four months.

Permission will be sought from LU&H on August 9 to negotiate exclusively with Square One for development of the southwest corner.

The City Council will meet in closed session in July to discuss negotiations with Corporate Helicopters.

Brown Field

The City met with Reg Finch of the San Diego Flight Museum and presented three possible solutions to his request for a Brown Field location. None have been accepted.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Flattop and Marigold

The RFP Sub-Committee will be utilized to review assignment of tie-down permits on the City's tie down areas. The City Attorney will be asked to review the waiting list. Consideration is being given to creating an ad hoc committee of users to manage the situation. The following volunteered to participate: Gerald Blank, Chuck McGill, Dave Friedman, Jim Aldrich and Bob Turner.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie Ander announced that the new Serra Mesa Library hopes to open in August.

Mike Tussey announced that notices were distributed of meetings scheduled at Scripps Ranch and at Four Points Hotel regarding the joint use of Miramar.

Juan Escalante stated that he could not understand why the City should search for a new Airports Director when Mike Tussey had done a fine job under adverse circumstances. Others agreed with Mr. Escalante's statements. Jim Barwick asked if that was the feeling of the Committee. A show of hands indicated a unanimous concurrence of the AAC members. Some visitors in attendance also voiced support for retaining Mike Tussey as Deputy Director.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Montgomery Field on August 8 at 3:00 p.m.

ACTIONS:

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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price